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Having run her own small business for over a decade, Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson understands the importance of small businesses to our economy. Small businesses create 60 to 80 percent of new jobs – and this job creating potential is even more important when times are tough. As a member of the House Small Business Committee, Congresswoman Halvorson is committed to giving our nation's entrepreneurs and small businesses the tools necessary to invest in their local economies, create jobs and access new opportunities. To help revitalize small businesses across the country, Congresswoman Halvorson voted for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act because it contains vital tax relief for entrepreneurs and small businesses, including:

- Increasing Section 179 expensing limits
- Extending the carry back period for Net Operating Losses from 2 to 5 years
- Providing relief from the Alternative Minimum Tax
- Establishing tax credits for small businesses hiring recently discharged veterans and out-of-work youth.
- Increasing SBA loan support through direct, interest free loans for qualifying small businesses
- Reducing SBA loan fees
- Increasing SBA loan guarantees to help the credit market

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